



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kazuhiko TAKADA

Serial No.: 09/528,296

Group Art Unit: 2811

Filed: March 17, 2000

Examiner: O. NADAV

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A GUARD RING

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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED MARCH 22, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: April 23, 2001

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated March 22, 2001.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-7; and Group (II), Claims 8-12.

Applicant hereby elects the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-7 (drawn to a semiconductor device) for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicant's rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge
our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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